

Bays hand over wooden spoon

By Zac Milbank
at Glenelg Oval

GLENELG handed North Adelaide the dreaded wooden spoon in the most handsome way possible yesterday, by 84 points in front of the passionate Tiger faithful at Glenelg Oval.

Laden with finishing last in the past three seasons, the Bays displayed some of their untapped potential yesterday to earn their biggest victory since round 14, 1996, when they defeated South by 84 points.



It prompted first-year coach David Noble to describe the match as his team's most even effort for the year.

"I thought it was our most disciplined effort and there's still room for improvement," Noble said.

"We've been on the money for a fair bit of the season and haven't been able to get over the line."

While the Glenelg players, led by the brilliant Brett Backwell with 42 touches, got the job done on the field, Noble and his coaching staff must accept their due rewards after setting up a defensive structure to shut down dangerous Rooster full forward Daniel Hargraves.

Noble placed rebounding left-footer Simon Nicholas in front of Hargraves, blocking the former Western Bulldog's

Eighth on the ladder 142 points					
	Glenelg	6.5	12.6	18.7	22.10
Ninth on the ladder 58 points					
	North Adelaide	2.4	3.5	5.8	8.10

path when leading to the ball.

With his confidence brimming in 2003, Nicholas accepted the job with both hands to continually chop off Hargraves — who failed to score — by either marking or spoiling the sloppy delivery from North's on-ballers.

"The most important thing was that he wasn't there to save the game," Noble said in reference to the valuable attack Nicholas provided with his 23 possessions and seven marks. "It wasn't that we wanted to play one behind the ball, he still had to be active and generate possessions and he had to be extremely offensive in his ability to work up the ground once we had control of the ball."

This presented great headaches for caretaker North coach Duane Massey, coaching just his third game of league football, as his midfielders refused to find other avenues to goal. "We went to him (Hargraves) several times early and we were dumb with our movement of the footy," Massey said.

"Our movement was just one dimensional to him and we need to find other av-

enues up forward — we can't simply rely on him."

If Nicholas failed, Hargraves would have found things difficult regardless, with late inclusion James Miller never leaving his side as he continually thumped the ball clear in a promising league debut.

Heath Culpitt's strength over the ball was equally important early as he worked effectively with his former Carlton teammate Backwell, Sudjai Cook, Brett Higgins, Billy Neely, Jacob Schuback and Ben Moore in what proved to be an ominous looking midfield set-up.

Craig Tasborski booted seven goals straight while Ryan Smyth lurked dangerously up forward to contribute 3.1 before fading out of the contest.

North bravely gave South Australian under-16 Toby Stribling his first league game with positive results, while Darren Brakenridge got 16 disposals in his debut.

Under-rated Brett White played right through to the final siren at half-back while usual suspects Scott Bamford and skipper Darryl Wintle tried to ignite a flat-looking Roosters line-up.

Sturt v Norwood

Adelaide Oval — Friday

STURT	2.2	7.4	13.5	18.10	(118)
Norwood	2.2	4.3	7.4	10.7	(67)

BEST — Sturt: Squire, Sheedy, Kennedy, Nelson, White, Cooper, Smith, Chambers, Curtis, Howman, Wicks. Norwood: James, Gallagher, Clemments, Thiessen, Bown, Borlace.

SCORERS — Sturt: Chambers 6.0, Nelson 3.1, Klun 2.2, Cooper 2.1, Squire 2.0, White, Beveridge 1.1, Kennedy 1.0, Sheedy, Schulz 0.1, rushed 0.2. Norwood: Bartemucci 3.0, Thiessen 2.1, Gallagher 2.0, Patfull 1.1, Carslake, Bown 1.0, Borlace 0.2, McEntee 0.1, rushed 0.2.

INJURIES — Norwood: Crouch (shoulder).

UMPIRES — R. Fox, C. Rowston, R. Williams.

CROWD — 4768.

West v Eagles

Richmond Oval

WEST	6.6	7.9	10.12	14.18	(102)
Eagles	1.2	3.3	5.6	10.8	(68)

BEST — West: Hahn, Norman, Piasente, Koulouriotis, Richardson, Tuck, Howard. Eagles: Floreani, Lindsay, Passador, Cicoella, Earl, Williams.

SCORERS — West: Hahn 4.2, Bradshaw 3.2, Howard 2.1, Rusca 1.5, Koulouriotis 1.1, Norman, Marsh, Cooney 1.0, Piasente 0.1, rushed 0.6. Eagles: Inkster 2.2, Floreani 2.1, Stevens 1.2, Passador, Phillipou 1.1, Stokes, Earl, Powell 1.0, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — Nil.

UMPIRES — S. Przibilla, D. Ryan, T. Dey.

CROWD — 1942.

South v Port

Noarlunga Oval

PORT	2.2	5.6	10.9	15.11	(101)
South	6.5	8.7	11.9	12.11	(83)

BEST — Port: Lyle, Ebert, O'Loughlin, Miller, Parry, Funcke, Plapp. South: Hall, Parker, Berry, Clonan, Kruger, Doughty.

SCORERS — Port: Plapp, Ebert 4.2, O'Loughlin 2.2, Parry 1.2, McDowall 1.1, Funcke, Evans, Wait 1.0, rushed 0.2. South: Berry 3.1, Warren 3.0, Hall 2.4, Tregenza 1.2, Kruger 1.1, Cotton, Davis 1.0, Bennett, Doughty 0.1, rushed 0.1.

INJURIES — Nil.

REPORT — Port: O'Loughlin by field umpire Johnston for abusive language in the third term.

UMPIRES — T. Pfeiffer, D. Joyce, M. Johnston.

CROWD — 1512.

Glenelg v North

Glenelg Oval

GLENELG	6.5	12.6	18.7	22.10	(142)
North	2.4	3.5	5.8	8.10	(58)

BEST — Glenelg: Backwell, Nicholas, Culpitt, Cook, Tasborski, Mules, Higgins, Miller, Neely. North: Wintle, B. White, Bamford, Gum, O'Connor.

SCORERS — Glenelg: Tasborski 7.0, Cook 3.3, Backwell, Smyth 3.1, Jamie Vlatko 2.0, Ahmat, Culpitt, Smith, Higgins 1.1, Mules 0.1. North: Bamford, Kaesler 2.0, Burford 1.1, Stribling, James, Davis 1.0, McGahey 0.2, Burton, Leal, O'Connor, Shee 0.1, rushed 0.3.

INJURIES — Glenelg: Brockman (knee) and Cranston (hip) replaced in selected side by Miller and Yeomans. North: Morgan and D. White (Power) replaced in selected side by Stribling and Oakley, Hargraves (ankle).

UMPIRES — P. Williams, C. Doddridge, C. Carey.

CROWD — 1750.

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	P	R18	Total
D. Bradshaw (WA)	15	0	68
D. Hargraves (NA)	16	5	48
R. Tregenza (SA)	15	6	45
B. Chambers (SI)	14	6	41
M. Passador (E)	16	3	40
P. Evans (PA)	15	2	38
C. Gowans (CD)	16	2	33
R. Neill (Nwd)	14	1	32
J. Gowans (CD)	16	0	32
B. Beinke (PA)	14	0	31

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
1 CENTRAL	16	13	3	0	1911	1041	64.74	26
2 WEST	16	13	3	0	1680	1314	56.11	26
3 STURT	17	11	6	0	1695	1288	56.82	22
4 EAGLES	17	10	7	0	1532	1460	51.20	20
5 Port	17	8	9	0	1709	1639	51.05	16
6 Norwood	16	7	8	1	1361	1550	46.75	15
7 South	17	5	11	1	1563	1977	44.15	11
8 Glenelg	17	5	12	0	1388	1627	46.04	10
9 North	17	1	14	2	1277	2220	36.52	4